

**§418.52(c) Standard: Rights of the patient**

**The patient has a right to the following:**

**§418.52(c)(1) Receive effective pain management and symptom control from the hospice for conditions related to the terminal illness;**

**Interpretive Guidelines §418.52(c)(1)**

Hospices are responsible for managing the patient's pain and symptoms related to the terminal illness and related conditions in a timely fashion. Patients should not have to experience long waits for pain and symptom management, medications, or interventions to address the patient's condition. Hospices should have methods in place to assure that the patient's pain, and all other distressing symptoms, are controlled effectively 24 hours a day/7days per week, in all settings and wherever the patient resides.

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